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a route examiner operatively coupled with the registration module, the route examiner determining if any of the routes in the given set of routes has changed; and

a list generator operatively coupled with the route examiner, the list generator listing data identifying each route in the given set of routes that has been determined to have changed.

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23. (Currently amended) A computer program product for use on a computer system for maintaining a route table in a routing device, the route table including a plurality of routes between network devices in a network, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, the computer readable program code including:

program code for registering a given set of routes of the plurality of routes between network devices in a network;

program code for determining if any of the routes in the given set of routes has changed; and

program code for listing data identifying each route in the given set of routes that has been determined to have changed.

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34. (Currently amended) A method of determining if a given route table has changed, the route being in a given set of routes of a plurality of routes between network devices in a network, the method comprising:

accessing a list of routes associated with the given set of routes of the plurality of routes between network devices in a network; and

determining if data identifying the given route is listed in the list of routes, the given route being deemed to have changed if determined to be listed in the list of routes.

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41. (Currently amended) An apparatus for determining if a given route in a route table has changed, the route being in a given set of routes of a plurality of routes between network devices in a network, the apparatus comprising:

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a list accessing module that accesses a list of routes associated with the given set of routes
of the plurality of routes between network devices in a network; and

a route examiner operatively coupled with the list accessing module, the route examiner determining if data identifying the given route is listed in the list of routes, the given route being deemed to have changed if determined to be listed in the list of routes.

48. (Original) A computer program product for use on a computer system for determining if a given route in a route table has changed, the route being in a given set of routes of a plurality of routes between network devices in a network, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, the computer readable program code including:

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program code for accessing a list of routes associated with the given set of routes of the plurality of routes between network devices in a network; and

program code for determining if data identifying the given route is listed in the list of routes, the given route being deemed to have changed if determined to be listed in the list of routes.

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 are pending in this Application. Claims 1, 12, 23, 34, 41, and 48 have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-54 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Corbin (U.S. Patent No. 5,881,241) in view of Bellenger (U.S. Patent No. 5,802,054). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In order to properly support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103, the combination of the two references must show, describe or suggest every element of the claim. The Applicant contends